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for her hand! It includes Henry Cromwell, son of the Lord Protector, who makes favor for his suit in a gift of a pair of Irish greyhounds—big dogs were, by the way, Dorothy's favorites. She says, "A 'masty' (mastiff) is handsomer to me than the most exact little dog that ever lady played withal." One can't help wishing that the letters included some from Temple. We all know how much the letter received inspires the answer, and it would be a satisfaction to know which side originated the inspiration in this series.

"WEE MACGREGGOR" AND "ETHEL." T. T. Bell. Harper & Brothers.

The story of "Wee Macgreggor" has been proved a great favorite for holiday reading; and for those who have "the gift of tongues" to interpret the dialect no more innocent entertainment could be planned than following the young hero with his devoted coterie of relatives—"Paw," "Maw," and the elders—as they pursue their way to the shops, the Zoo, Rothesay shore, or the "surees" and "conversonies"—in fact, wherever Macgreggor leads. To the uninitiated the dialect is very perplexing, and the author's kind thought for his readers in giving a glossary with the book is most necessary as well as complementary, for without its assistance how should we know our way through some of the engaging advice of Lizzie to her young son?

By the aid of the glossary we learn that the "bass," which really sounds like carved ceilings, is in our ordinary parlance the door-mat. The "gab" a bright person might rightly guess to be the mouth, but who is bright enough to answer when we call "carvies," "chenchjean," or "gundy"? No, no, we could make but a poor fist with the book, wanting that glossary, but even *it* fails in some dark places. It was with some pains that I found one who enlightened me as to the meaning of "*making a shed*" the last touch of preparation for Aunt Purdie's tea-party. To those who share my mystification 'tis confided that his mother parted the lad's hair.

The later book by the same author—"Ethel"—advertises itself to be perfectly free from dialect. It appears, however, that there may be two opinions as to the truth of this reassuring statement. What does Mr. Chubb mean by saying that he hasn't "a bite to the sole of his back"? or Mr. Hugh that he has been way-laid" into buying tickets? At least it is a curious way of using English. Miss Ethel is so charming that she may say what she likes. Her tenpence ha'penny ties may look "two shillingy," she may insist that she knows a breed of domestic fowls by the name of Corkings, and when she commands us to pass over the wee growl we too, like Mr. Hugh, would instantly place in her hand the trowel.

